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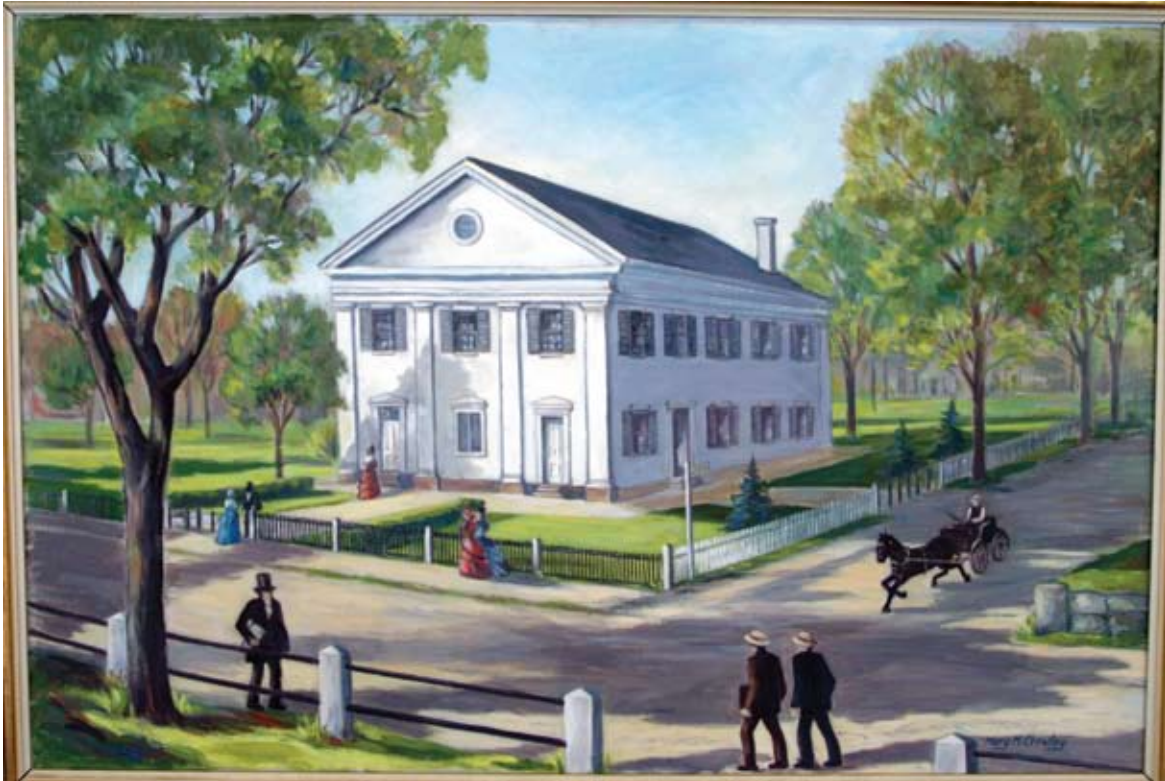
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The First Building at Bridgewater State College



painting by Mary Crowley

“The first building to be erected specifically for normal school work in America was built at Bridgewater in 1846. The years of experiment were successfully passed. A total of ten thousand dollars was raised, one half of that sum by public subscription, and the remainder from state funds. Col. Abram Washburn donated a lot of land one and one-quarter acres and George B. Emerson of Boston provided the furnace for heating the building. It was a small, wooden, two-story structure containing a large schoolroom, and two recitation rooms in the upper story, and a Model School room, a chemical room, and two anterooms on the lower floor.”

—*Special Collections.*